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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 123 to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 31st meeting, on 8 November 2018.[1]

3. At the same meeting, the Chair made a statement and introduced the provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2019.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2019, as set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2019

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2019, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.

[1] For an account of the Committee's discussion of the item, see A/C.1/73/PV.31.

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Annex

Provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2019

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 3 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a,b]	Monday, 7 October, to Wednesday, 16 October	8
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 8 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion[c] on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items, including:	Thursday, 17 October, to Thursday, 31 October	12
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament — subject to consultations by the Chair		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts		
Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability	Wednesday, 30 October	1
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Thursday, 17 October, at 12 noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Tuesday, 22 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Friday, 1 November to Friday, 8 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements for the general debate to a maximum of 8 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 13 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee on a regular basis so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

[c] During thematic discussions, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 5 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 7 minutes.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
30 September–4 October				3 October afternoon	
7–11 October	7 October morning and afternoon[a]	8 October morning	9 October[b]	10 October morning	11 October morning

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
14–18 October	14 October morning and afternoon	15 October afternoon	16 October morning[a] and afternoon	17 October afternoon	18 October afternoon
21–25 October	21 October morning	22 October morning and afternoon	23 October morning	24 October morning and afternoon[a]	25 October morning
28 October–1 November	28 October[c]	29 October morning and afternoon	30 October morning[d] and afternoon	31 October afternoon	1 November afternoon
4–8 November	4 November morning and afternoon[a]	5 November morning	6 November morning	7 November morning	8 November morning[e]

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility in the scheduling of meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

[a] If meeting is needed and services are available.

[b] Yom Kippur floating holiday (see resolutions 69/250 and 70/9).

[c] Diwali floating holiday (see resolutions 69/250 and 70/9).

[d] Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees.

[e] If necessary.